



TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2021
6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Amarche (late), Wheatley, Young, Urey, Givens
Consuella Barbour, Town Manager
Chief Ayers, Chief of Police
Greg Pinkney, Public Works Director
Brittany Gabriel, Office Manager

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wheatley at 6:00 PM.

Mr. William Broadus from the Brentwood Volunteer Department was present at the meeting and answered commonly asked questions concerning the fire department.

Transportation Options for Residents/COVID 19 Vaccinations - The Commission discussed trying to get everyone in our community vaccinated. Resident Abel Nunez discussed how getting appointments is hard; people with no transportation are getting left behind. He asked the Commission is there anything they can facilitate as a town to help residents in the community. The Commission along with the Chief discussed that they have are looking into an open where the town would have assigned slots just for Cottage City at a certain vaccination site, and it would be like a walk in for our residents. If they wanted a shot that scheduled day, they could get an appointment. They would be getting the Johnson & Johnson vaccine since it is only one shot. All the Commissioners are in complete support of this idea. Resident Mr. Fred Hill would be the driver, and he would be covered under our Town liability insurance. A concern that was discussed was about mobile units for residents who are wheelchair bound.

Proposed New Arts Center in Cottage City Park – The Chief discussed he is trying to stimulate Parks and Planning and has put out an idea of interest to them that the Town is interested in our location being a location that they would like to put an art center at. Nothing is in stone or writing, as the Chief is seeing if there is something feasible or doable at the Cottage City Neighborhood Park (where the playground and tennis courts are). Resident Joan Copeland would like this information circulated around town if this is something the town is looking into so that the residents can have input.

Chief Ayers discussed that the Town is invited to be a part of a grant proposal through the family justice center. They are creating sites across the county to provide places where individuals can come to do virtual screen intakes for domestic violence. Two other port towns are involved to have sites in this region. He would like to move forward with an MOU to be part of one of those sites and to actually be put through for funding for this program through a grant. This would pay for the actual computers set up and training for staff and personnel. The Commission had some concerns about the safety of the employees. But the majority was in agreement of the program.

Motion to suspend the rules to take a vote during the special meeting.

Motion made by:Givens, Seconded by: Young

Amarche: Aye, Wheatley: Aye, Young: Aye, Urey: Aye, Givens: Aye

MOTION PASSED.

Motion to approve the Chief's request to include adequate training on appropriate safety measures and take safety measures to protect our employees and to authorize Ms. Barbour and Commissioner Wheatley to sign the MOU.

Motion made by: Young Seconded by: Amarche

Amarche: Aye, Wheatley: Aye, Young: Aye, Urey: Aye, Givens: Aye

MOTION PASSED.

Public Comments - Resident David Proctor thanked everyone for their hard work. He asked about the solar panels on the town hall and who is responsible for the town panels. He recommended a regular cleaning of them since dirtiness can affect them.

Commissioner Wheatley called for a motion to go into a closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction meeting.

Motion made by: Young, Seconded by: Amarche

Amarche: Aye, Wheatley: Aye, Young: Aye, Urey: Aye, Givens: Aye

MOTION PASSED

The Commission went back into an open session. In the closed session the Commission discussed personnel matters. All five Commissioners were present, and the Town Manager. Commissioner Givens had to leave prior to the meeting going into open session.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:20pm

Motion made by: Young, Seconded by: Urey.

Amarche: Aye, Wheatley: Aye, Young: Aye, Urey: Aye, Givens: Absent

MOTION PASSED